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Dear Harold:

How is everything? I haven't heard from you in a long time.

I'll be in Washington this June and I'm looking forward to meeting you.

In the mean time ponder over these questions.

* The picture of the James Earl Ray bundle outside Canipe's was moved prior to the time the picture printed in Frame-Up (p. 432) was taken. In the Gerold Frank book, picture 11 shows the bundle by the big crack in the cement, your Justice Department picture shows it farther away from the crack (in the doorway). Further, the clock in the picture you printed reads 6:30 which is 1/2 hour after the crime. I'm sure the Justice Department has better pictures than the one you printed

* I agree with your conclusions concerning Ray's movements before the crime. However on page 279, you've made an error. It is correct

That While King went to Atlanta on March 23, Ray went to Birmingham. Yet Ray spent the night of the 23 in Atlanta also. This is what Ray told Huie and also what Garner Says. However Your point is well taken that Rays Movements make no Sense unless of course he was directed by someone else.

• On page 142, You say it is your un-Confirmed information that Ray came to a hotel 20 miles outside Memphis, checked in, then seeing it was the wrong hotel checked out and went to the Rebel. I am interested in finding out about this. Incidently do you believe Ray/Galt was in Florence and Corinth or Atlanta (as Huie and Garner have it) at the beginning of April.

• Huie Contradicts Himself, on page 103 (He Slew The Dreamer) he quotes Ray as saying that Raoul visited him at the Rebel, April 3. Yet on page 115 He says Ray told him the hotel Raoul visited him at was the "uncomfortable hotel near Memphis," April 2. Which do you believe it is - April 2 or 3. (From Frame-up You

mention that the Rexal Store was in White Haven, notice that Huie doesn't tell his readers about that one [p. 117]. Huie is a master at taking events out of context)

• Concerning Heathrow Airport. Ray had come from Portugal to London May 7. If Ray had bought a ticket from Portugal—London—Belgium at that time (May 7, when he left Lisbon), and used only part of it (stoping at London) would he be in transit when he tried to use the unused ½ of his May 7 ticket. If the answer is yes then part of the Heathrow incident is cleared up.

[other parts of the story are of course unsettled such as the syringe in Ray's room, and the time of his departure from the hotel. Yet in Ray's printed account he says he was in London]

• What happened to the man in the second Mustang? Jowers sees the car parked at 4:00, yet Mrs. Copeland, Mrs. Horley see it pull up to the curb at 4:30. Jowers doesn't see a man in the car at 4:00, the man is in the car at 4:30, gone again at 5:00 (for Donald Wood) and back again

at 5:20 for Mr. Hurley?

- You seem to brush off the Raul Esquivel incident, and I agree - there is no proof of Esquivel associating with Ray. Yet, [redacted] You have overlooked the main point. The main point is — why would Ray, an escaped convict, call the Louisiana State Police. [redacted]

  Also why did he call them long distance. was it so important an incident that it couldn't wait until he got to New Orleans. This phone call is important.

- Who picked up the Galt Drivers license at [redacted] Peter Cherpe's residence? Who ever it was must have known that Ray lost his walet (hence his license) in the L.A. bar schuffle. (Another significant fact, is of course, that Ray needed a duplicate key after his Key got stolen in LA, despite the fact that Paisley gave him 2 sets of keys.)

- Finally, Gerold Frank was on a local TV show, getting publicity for his book. He [redacted] maintained that Ray killed King for because

he wanted to get caught. Later on, the announcer asked him 'why Ray ~~Good~~ went to Europe', Frank replied "to avoid getting captured" — Good logic!

Sincerly,
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P.S. I'll be in Washington working with Bud-starting June 5. I'll be there for 2-4 weeks, I'm looking forward to meeting you. So If you're not in DC I'll probably drop by Fredrick while I'm nearby.

Best of Luck,